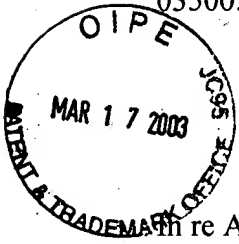


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KEISUKE ARAKI, ET AL.

Appln. No.: 09/127,031

Filed: July 31, 1998

For: OPTICAL ELEMENT AND
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: Examiner: T. Nguyen
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: Group Art Unit: 2872
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: March 17, 2003
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated November 15, 2002, by one month, from February 15, 2003, to Monday, March 17, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

In response to the Official Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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